

Association of Nature Center Administrators 2012 Summit

Wallops Island, Virginia
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"The Association of Nature Center Administrator's 2012 Summit provides an opportunity for nature and environmental center leaders from across the United States and Canada to network and explore best practices within our industry."

"The Marine Science Consortium, as a residential environmental learning center and field station, promotes sustainable practices in all areas of its program. We use locally harvested seafood, promote wildlife habitat on our property, and encourage our participants to join us in our sustainability efforts."

Green Statement: "As an organization for leaders in the environmental education field, ANCA wants its 2012 Summit to be a model of sustainable best practices for the attendees."

CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Events

- ☒ **Recycling.** Events must provide recycling for its participants. Recycling should be highly visible and made available to the public with clear signage. The organizers of this event pledge that they provide recycling for:
 - Glass bottles, aluminum cans, plastic bottles, paper, cardboard
- ☒ **Minimize the use of disposable food service products.** The facility is required to minimize the use of disposable food service products and maximize the use of food service products that are recyclable or compostable in the food service area. When disposable food service items are used, the facility is encouraged to use products that are made from bio-based or renewable resources, and to provide for the collection / recycling / composting of food service items disposed of on the premises. This facility pledges that they:
 - Use disposable foodservice items that are made with recycled content
 - We use very little disposable service products in our food service operation. We do use paper napkins and offer paper cups if people want to take a hot or cold beverage out of the cafeteria. However, all participants in this event will be given a reusable beverage container which will cut down on the use of the paper cups.
- ☒ **Printed Materials.** Recycled-content, soy-based inks, and 2-sided copies – and quantities should be minimized whenever possible! The organizers of this event pledge that they:
 - Use electronic registration, correspondence and forms
 - Print brochures and other printed items on recycled content paper and print all documents double-sided

- Purchase/use paper products with 30% or higher recycled-content

- ☒ **Waste Reduction.** Event planners should make a general commitment to reduce the amount of waste generated by their event. The organizers of this event pledge that they:
- Chose a location/venue that shares a similar commitment to reducing its environmental impacts and include green specifics in contracting: The Marine Science Consortium
 - Track overall solid waste costs

Food service

- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Avoid box lunches and serve trays/platters of food instead

Restrooms

- Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper

Logistics

- Encourage the use of mass-transit and/or carpooling to the event
- Provide for recycling of boxes and other set-up wastes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment

- ☒ **Green Signage.** Event planners must commit to tell their participants about how green the event is. Event signage should include the Virginia Green logo and list all "green activities" practiced in the planning and operation of the event. The organizers of this event pledge that they:
- Have a link on its website to the Virginia Green Events webpage
 - Have signs at the event registration which list all of its green activities
 - Use the Virginia Green logo on signs and on recycling containers

For more information on the Association of Nature Center Administrators 2012 Summit, see <http://msconsortium.org/#/anca-summit-2012/456125931> or contact Amber Parker at execdirector@msconsortium.org or 757-824-5636.

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green Events** have been thoughtfully planned and designed to minimize their impacts on the environment. This event has met the established "core activities" for **Green Events** and has committed to communicate its activities to its guests.

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see www.viriniagreentravel.org or <http://staging.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx>.



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